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Peter J. Renucci, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Response Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In the Final Office Action mailed May 2, 2006, the Examiner continued to allow Claims 1-7 and continued the rejection of Claims 8-20. Although Applicants believe all pending claims, as previously submitted, are allowable over the references cited by the Examiner, Applicants have canceled Claims 8-20 to expedite the issuance of Claims 1-7